

cretion, from time to time, use any of said sinking fund for the purchase in open market of any bonds issued under the provisions of this act.

Expeditions use of proceeds of bonds.

Work preferably done by contract.

Work under supervision of roadway superintendent.

Road equipment turned over to highway commission.

Use or sale of equipment.

Proviso: employment of convicts and live stock.

Care and maintenance of convicts and live stock.

Laws rescinded if election favor bonds and taxes.

Road duty and taxes rescinded.

SEC. 11. That the highway commission shall use the funds derived from sale of said bonds for the purpose of constructing and improving the public highways in the said county as indicated in section five, with the utmost expedition consistent with due regard to economy and excellence of construction, and said road improvement and permanent construction shall preferably be done by contract in so far as it involves extraordinary repairs or construction. But it shall be lawful for the highway commission through the working committee to direct and cause said improvement, repairs, and construction to be done on behalf of the highway commission acting for Rockingham County under the supervision of the roadway superintendent hereinafter provided for, and under such rules and regulations as it shall promulgate, and to this end, and for the further purpose of relieving the board of county commissioners of said duties and placing the ordinary and usual repairs and upkeep of the public highways of Rockingham County permanently under the control, care, and direction of the said board of highway commissioners of Rockingham County, upon the request of the chairman of the said highway commission, the said county commissioners shall turn over to the highway commission any and all machinery, implements, live stock, convict road force, and other working utilities now or hereafter owned or held by the said Rockingham County and under the control and direction of the said board of county commissioners, and it shall be lawful for the said board of highway commissioners to retain and use any or all of such utilities in county road repairs, upkeep, or construction, or, in its discretion, it may make other such lawful disposition of any part or all thereof as in its best judgment may seem for the best interests of the county: *Provided*, that said convicts and live stock, while in the custody and control of said highway commission, shall be employed in the construction, repair, and (or) upkeep of highways under the provisions of this act, and expenses of maintaining and guarding said convicts and the proper and humane care and keep of said live stock shall be paid out of the funds derived from the provisions of this act.

SEC. 12. That it is the purpose and intent of this act that if the questions proposed herein to be submitted to a vote of the electors of Rockingham County shall carry by an affirmative majority of the ballots cast by the qualified electors of said county, it shall be so recorded and declared as hereinbefore provided for; such recordation and declaration shall abolish and rescind all laws of the State of North Carolina in so far as they relate to roadways in Rockingham County, and no further, inconsistent with the provisions of this act. After this law goes into effect, no services or other road duties shall be required of any person and no tax what-